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Dear Chairperson Lund,

As the election officials for Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, representing half of Michigan's registered voters, we are contacting you regarding HB4005 and HB4006.

We are very supportive of the bills requiring school districts to move to the November Even-year ballot. A single uniform election date statewide certainly makes sense.

Local School Districts in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties have already made the move to the November Even-year ballot. In Oakland County, for example, 20 of 27 school districts appeared on the November Even-year ballot. In precinct terms, almost 70% of the precincts had a local school district and 99% had a community college.

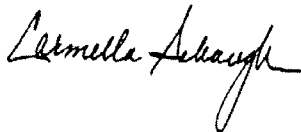
The November Even-year election date works very well for us. Our local school districts enjoy the benefit of zero cost elections and higher voter turnout. Our local communities enjoy saving the unreimbursed costs from not having to conduct a May election.

If November Even-year elections work in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties they will work for the rest of the State. Should you have any questions, Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett may be contacted at (313) 224-6262, Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard Jr. may be reached at (248) 858-0560 and Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh can be reached at (586) 469-7939.

Sincerely,



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